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This directory provides brief descriptions, addresses, and contact people for 6 learning partners, reading sites, 143 other literacy services, and 13 federal agencies that serve children and their families through READ*WRITE*NOW! (a year-round intergenerational program) and other literacy efforts. The directory provides the names of national organizations that have volunteer learning partners at the local level, suggests potential sites for tutoring, and provides information on national literacy organizations that can help further literacy efforts across the United States. (RS)

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Introduction

READ*WRITE*NOW! is a year-round, intergenerational program sponsored by the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education at the U.S. Department of Education to improve the reading and writing skills of America's students from preschool to grade 6.

The program pairs each child with a learning partner (a family member, a teacher, a librarian, a neighbor, or a volunteer from a community organization). The partner agrees to read and write with the child for 30 minutes, once a week. The child pledges to read 30 minutes a day, five days a week, and to learn one new word a day for five days a week.

Just Add Kids is a resource directory of learning partners, reading sites, and other literacy services for families and communities who want to help children improve their reading and writing skills through READ*WRITE*NOW! and other literacy efforts.

This directory provides the names of national organizations that have volunteer learning partners at the local level, suggests potential sites for tutoring, and provides information on national literacy organizations that can help further literacy efforts across the United States.

To receive further information on READ*WRITE*NOW! and other literacy materials, call 1-800-USA-LEARN.

Learning Partners

The following organizations are working to provide learning partners to help children improve their reading and writing skills. Contact the local chapter or office of the organization to identify learning partners in your community.

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Learning Partners

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA)

50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone 312-944-6780
Fax 312-280-3257
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.ala.org

Contact: Susan Roman, Executive Director, Association for Library Service to Children

The American Library Association (ALA), founded in 1876, has more than 57,000 members, representing public, school, academic, and special libraries. It provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and for the library profession in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. ALA has been instrumental in encouraging federal funding for literacy efforts and works with national leaders to support local literacy programs.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (BBYO)

1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036-3278
Phone 202-857-6633
Fax 202-857-6568

Contact: Sam Fisher, Executive Director
Jeff Hoffman, International Director of Programs
E-mail J.hoffman@bnai.brith.org
Leonard Keilin, Director of Camping Services
Winter address:
1901 Raymond Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062
Phone 800-803-2267
Fax 847-564-8285

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is the world's largest Jewish youth organization, serving 30,000 Jewish teenagers worldwide. Consisting of two divisions, **Aleph Zadlk Aleph** for boys and **B'nai B'rith Girls** for girls, members participate in BBYO through a wide array of cultural, community service, educational, religious, social, and leadership programs. BBYO events and programs provide opportunities for members to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity and commitment to their personal development. BBYO members belong to local chapters and participate in chapter, council, regional, district, and international activities. BBYO is a youth-led organization and the chapters to which they belong are democratically functioning groups that receive guidance from adult advisers and professional staff.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

1230 West Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone 404-815-5700
Fax 404-815-5789

Contact: Michelle Haley, Assistant Director for Program Service

Boys and Girls Clubs of America originated in 1860 with the establishment of the Dashaway Club for boys in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1906 the Dashaway Club joined with 30 similar clubs to form the Federated Boys' Clubs, which became the Boys Clubs of America in 1931. Recognition of growing numbers of female club members precipitated the name change to Boys and Girls Clubs of America in 1990. The organization helps youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible and productive citizens and leaders with special concern for children from disadvantaged circumstances. Each club is staffed by full-time youth service professionals, as well as by part-time workers and volunteers, who guide children through the maze of choices in today's society. Currently, 737 Boys and Girls Club organizations operate 1,810 clubs, serving 2,420,000 members. The membership is composed of boys (64 percent) and girls (36 percent) ages 6-18 representing all races, religions, and ethnic backgrounds. Clubs offer an array of programs that serve collective and individual needs through enrichment, education, activity, exploration, tolerance, understanding, and fitness. Clubs stress the contribution that literacy and reading make to the realization of individual potential.

EVERYBODY WINS! FOUNDATION

165 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022
Phone 212-832-3180
Fax 212-832-3965

Contact: Everybody Wins! District of Columbia, Inc.
Joanie Chase, Executive Director
Mary Salander, Assistant Director
13605 Sir Thomas Way, #44
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Phone 301-890-0646
Fax 301-365-2671

Everybody Wins! District of Columbia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children learn to read and succeed in school. Once a week, adult volunteers from the community go to an elementary school, meet their young reading partners, have lunch together and share a good book. The reading partners promote reading for pleasure, serve as caring adult role models, build self-confidence and enhance self-esteem. Students' lives are enriched through the one-on-one relationship with their reading partners. The volunteers, their organizations, the schools, and society benefit. Everybody Wins!

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

420 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Phone 212-852-8000
Fax 212-852-6517
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.gsusa.org

Contact: Sheila Lewis, Membership and Program Consultant
Phone 212-852-8076
Fax 212-852-6515

Girl Scouts of the USA, with a membership of 2,647,000 girls (ages 5 through 17) and 863,000 adults, offers girls from all backgrounds an informal educational program that helps them make friends, learn new skills, and serve their communities. Scouts at each age level, beginning with five-year-old Daisy Girl Scouts, have their own handbook and other print resources. The importance of books and the joy of reading are stressed at all age levels. Girl Scouts of the USA has a national literacy program, "Read to Lead," that encourages older Girl Scouts to serve as learning partners of younger Girl Scouts and other children in the community.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY

145 Kennedy Street NW
Washington, DC 20011-5294
Phone 202-726-5424 or 202-726-5434
Fax 202-882-1681

Contact: Dr. Lawrence E. Miller, National Executive Director

Founded in 1914 at Howard University as an African American fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma has over 200 chapters and 95,000 members around the world, in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. Along with social action and bigger and better business, education, particularly the promotion of literacy and reading, is a major emphasis of this organization's programs.

READ * WRITE * NOW!

Reading Sites

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Reading Sites

Almost every community has sites where learning partners can work with children to improve their reading and writing skills. Libraries, schools, businesses, and community organizations can provide space for reading partners and their young readers. Before using a space as a meeting place, however, it is important to call the organization and obtain permission.

Libraries

- Public libraries
- School libraries

Schools

- Preschools
- Elementary and secondary schools
- Postsecondary schools

Businesses

Community Organizations

- Churches
- Clubs for boys and girls
- Fraternities and sororities
- Recreational centers

Literacy Organizations

The following organizations have services that can be useful to literacy efforts. Read carefully the descriptive paragraphs to see whether a particular organization can help meet your needs.

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Literacy Services of Other Organizations

AFL-CIO

815 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
Phone 202-637-5144

Contact: Anthony R. Sarmiento, Associate Director, Education Department

The labor organizations that belong to the AFL-CIO promote lifelong learning by negotiating education and training programs with employers and participating in a variety of public and community efforts. Besides apprenticeship and technical training, many unions also conduct English-as-a-second language programs for members and their families.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY (AKA)

5656 South Stony Island Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
Phone 312-684-1282
Fax 312-288-8252

Contact: Alison Harris Alexander, Executive Director

In 1908 Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by and for black women. AKA is a channel through which college-trained women improve the social and economic conditions in their city, state, nation, and the world. AKA has over 140,000 members and 860 chapters throughout the United States, West Africa, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Germany, Bermuda, and South Korea. Annually, the sorority donates more than $250,000 in scholarships. AKA concentrates on education, health, economics, the black family, the arts, and rural community and public policy issues.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

332 South Michigan Avenue, #1123
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone 312-427-4410

Contact: Josie Lucente, Administrator

The Altrusa International Foundation is a charitable corporation committed to altruism in the United States and 17 other countries worldwide. The promotion of literacy is a major focus for the members of the organization.

AMC ENTERTAINMENT

106 West 14th Street, Suite 1700
Kansas City, MO 64105
Phone 800-829-4262
Fax 818-480-4617

Contact: Marjorie Grant

AMC Entertainment sponsors "Read for the Stars," a summer reading program for children. AMC has strongly supported READ*WRITE*NOW! by providing a site to train learning partners during the summer, copublishing READ*WRITE*NOW! materials, and donating coupons for free movie tickets to children and learning partners participating in the program.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036-2422
Phone 202-429-5131
Fax 202-223-4579

Contact: Dr. Drew W. Allbritten, Executive Director

The American Association for Adult and Continuing Education is an international professional association for everyone involved in adult and continuing education. Its goals are to unify the profession, to provide advocacy services to legislators and the public, to provide professional and leadership development opportunities, and to disseminate information through publications and other means. Family literacy and workplace literacy are among its 30 areas of interest.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (AAAS)

1333 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone 202-326-6400
Fax 202-371-9849
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.aaas.org

Contact: Maria Sosa, Editor-in-Chief
Phone 202-326-6782

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), founded in 1848, is the world's leading general scientific organization, with nearly 300 affiliated science and engineering societies and about 143,000 individual members. The programs and activities of the AAAS respond to a broad spectrum of scientific opportunities, including strengthening science, mathematics, and technology education; broadening the human resource pool of scientists and engineers; shaping science and

technology policy; promoting public understanding of science and technology; expanding scientific cooperation in global issues; defending scientific freedom; and championing high professional standards. Through *Science Books & Films*, a source of critical reviews for schools and libraries, and related programs, AAAS seeks to enhance scientific literacy by recognizing and promoting exemplary scientific materials for people of all ages.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES (AACC)

One Dupont Circle, Suite 410
Washington, DC 20036
Phone 202-728-0200
Fax 202-833-2467
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.aacc.nche.edu

Contact: Lynn Barnett, Director for Community Development
Phone 202-728-0200, ext. 204

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), founded in 1920, is the national organization representing a network of more than 1,200 two-year associate degree-granting institutions. AACC member colleges serve the broad public interest of providing access to higher education for millions of Americans. AACC provides a national research agenda that addresses emerging issues among community colleges; a central point for the collection, analysis, evaluation, validation, and dissemination of national community college information; a resource center for data and information on community colleges for member colleges, government heads, the media, and the general public; and a focus for news, scholarly thinking, and research compiled in several publications, including the *Community College Times*, the *Community College Journal*, books, and monographs. AACC's involvement in the promotion of reading is a reflection of the commitment of its member colleges to the encouragement of lifelong learning.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

1801 North Moore Street
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone 703-875-0700
Fax 703-528-2146
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.aasa.org

Contact: Gary Marx, Senior Associate Executive Director
Phone 703-875-0737

The American Association of School Administrators, founded in 1865, is the nation's oldest education leadership organization. Most of its 16,000 members are school superintendents. It has a strong commitment to the promotion of literacy and reading.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP)

601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049
Phone 202-434-2277
Fax 202-434-6474

Contact: Amy Goyer, Intergenerational Activities
Phone 202-434-6070

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is an organization of more than 34 million members 50 years of age and over. AARP promotes voluntarism in literacy programs, cross-generational reading, and lifelong learning opportunities for all generations.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS (AASL)

50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone 312-280-4386
Fax 312-664-7459
E-mail AASL@ala.org
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www. ala org

Contact: Pamela Kramer, Deputy Executive Director

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has more than 7,700 members and is the largest organization of school library media professionals. Currently AASL has two major initiatives. "Count on Reading" encourages the nation's young people to read a billion books and become avid readers and library users. It encourages school library media specialists to work with others in their communities to build a nation of readers by creating reading initiatives or by linking existing reading initiatives to this national effort. The second initiative, "ICONnect: Connecting Learners to Information," offers school library media specialists, teachers, and students the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to navigate on the information superhighway.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND LITERACY

740 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone 202-662-1024
Fax 202-662-1032

Contact: Richard P. Lynch, Director, Special Committee on Law and Literacy

Since 1986 the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law and Literacy has distributed its manual, *Lawyers for Literacy*, conducted literacy leadership conferences, and assisted bar associations, courts, and lawyers in their efforts to support literacy movements. Civic literacy is vital to the proper functioning of American justice systems and democratic institutions.

AMERICAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION (ABA)

828 South Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
Phone 914-591-2665
Fax 914-591-2720
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.ambook.org

Contact: Jill Perstein, Marketing Manager

Founded in 1900, the American Booksellers Association (ABA) is a nonprofit trade organization that works on behalf of retail bookstores to promote the availability of books. ABA represents the interests of its 4,400 bookstore members operating in approximately 7,000 locations nationwide through education, research, and information. Among its myriad activities is the Convention and Trade Exhibit, the largest English-language book trade show worldwide, attracting some 25,000 book people annually.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20036-1193

Contact: Jean Lowe, GED Testing Office
Phone 202-939-9490

The American Council on Education is an umbrella organization that focuses on advocacy and leadership training in the field of education. The Council's GED Testing Service gives adults who have not graduated from high school the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma based on passing the Tests of General Educational Development (GED). Literacy and a love of reading are key to success on the GED.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (AFT), AFL-CIO

555 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Contact: Joan Buckley, Assistant Director, Educational Issues Department
Phone 202-393-8642
Fax 202-879-4537

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) represents 870,000 members--K-12 teachers, paraprofessionals, and higher education and other public employees. AFT supports higher literacy standards for the general public as well as national standards for subject area content in the nation's schools. It offers leadership and professional development programs designed to reform and restructure schools.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND (AFB)

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone 404-525-2303
Fax 404-659-6957
E-mail atlanta@afb.org

Contact: Frances Mary D'Andrea, Manager, National Initiative on Literacy

AFB's National Initiative on Literacy develops programs, products, and strategies to ensure that people who are blind or visually impaired will become literate to the fullest extent possible in the most appropriate media.

One of the programs designed to assist teachers is the National Braille Literacy Mentor Project. This project has created a national network of expert teachers of braille who can serve as mentors to new teachers, contribute to AFB projects and publications, and share their expertise with others. One-on-one mentor partnerships can be established for teachers who request it. Strategies for Success (SOS) can also be created to seek solutions for particular situations or students. Teacher mentors have also been involved in public education campaigns to promote braille literacy. A quarterly newsletter, DOTS for Braille Literacy, contains articles of interest to teachers of braille. The newsletter is disseminated in print, braille, on disk, and on-line.

AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES

2711 West Anderson Lane, Suite 205
Austin, TX 78723
Phone 512-302-3025
Fax 512-302-3591

Contact: Antonio Gil Morales, National Executive Director

The American GI Forum, founded in 1948, is a service organization for Hispanic American veterans and their families. Its motto is, "Education is our freedom, and freedom should be everybody's business." With a membership exceeding 100,000 in its 500 chapters nationwide, it promotes literacy and reading as a means of improving the lives of the people the organization serves.

AMERICAN INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The School of Library and Information Studies
University of Oklahoma
401 West Brooks Street, Room 120
Norman, OK 73019-0528
Phone 405-325-3921
Fax 405-325-7645

Contact: Rhonda Harris Taylor, The School of Library and Information Studies
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The American Indian Library Association was established in 1979 to promote the development of and access to library and information services by American Indians. Membership is open to any person, library, or other organization interested in contributing to the achievement of these goals.

AMERICAN MENSA, LTD.

c/o American Mensa, Ltd.
201 Main Street, Suite 1101
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone 817-332-2600
Fax 817-332-1299

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Project Ink Slinger Coordinator
6616 Halsey
Shawnee, KS 66216
Phone 913-631-7255

Mensa is an international society with one, and only one qualification for membership: a score in the top 2 percent of the population on a standardized IQ test. Mensa has three purposes: to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; to encourage research in the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence; and to promote stimulating intellectual and social opportunities for its members. Mensa promotes literacy and reading with the belief that without the ability to read it is impossible to fulfill the potential of intelligence.

AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION (APWU), AFL-CIO

1300 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
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Fax 202-842-8530

Contact: Douglas C. Holbrook, Secretary Treasurer

The American Postal Workers Union (APWU), AFL-CIO, is the largest postal union in the world, representing some 340,000 employees of the U.S. Postal Service, who serve as clerks, maintenance, and motor vehicle workers and special delivery messengers. Because letters and other forms of written communication are the lifeblood of the U.S. Postal Service, APWU actively supports literacy programs and encourages its members and their families to read together regularly and to make reading a lifetime habit.

AMERICORPS EARLY CHILDHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (ECTAC)

301 Maple Avenue West, Suite 602
Vienna, VA 22180
Phone 800-616-2242
Fax 800-716-2242
Home page on the internet: http://ericps.ed.uiuc.edu/nccic/nccichome.html

Contact: Betty McCloud, Early Childhood Coordinator

The AmeriCorps Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) was established primarily to provide support to the AmeriCorps service network of the Corporation for National Service and other national service/early childhood initiatives. ECTAC provides help in many ways: on-site; through telephone consultation; in national, regional, and state workshops; and via the Internet. ECTAC provides technical assistance to national service projects engaged in child care, Head Start, school readiness, early childhood development, family literacy, teen parenting, parent training, and other early childhood programs. ECTAC works closely with a related Child Care Bureau activity of the Child Care Technical Assistance Project, the National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC).

ASPIRA ASSOCIATION

Aspira National Office
1444 I Street NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005
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Fax 202-835-3613

Contact: Hilda Crespo, Director of Education and Federal Affairs
E-mail aspira@aol.com

The Aspira Association is the only national, nonprofit organization devoted to serving Puerto Rican and other Latino youth through leadership development and education, including literacy programs.

ASSOCIATION FOR SUPERVISION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (ASCD)

1250 North Pitt Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1453
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.ascd.org

Contact: Judith Walter, Project Manager, Program Research and Development
Phone 703-549-9110, ext. 511
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The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) is an international, non-profit, and nonpartisan association of people who believe that all students can succeed in a challenging, well-planned education program. ASCD's some 190,000 members are superintendents, principals, supervisors, teachers, specialists, school board members, professors, and central office staff. As it works to restructure education to create a better future for all students, the association looks beyond isolated concerns to address systemic issues. It regards literacy as the foundation for a thriving democratic society and a core goal for educators.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS (AAP)

71 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10003-3004
Phone 212-255-0200
Fax 212-255-7007
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.publishers.org

Contact: Judith Platt
Director of Communications,
Public Affairs and Freedom to Read
1718 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone 202-232-3335, ext. 229

The Association of American Publishers (AAP) is the principal trade association of the U.S. book publishing industry. Literacy is of special concern to AAP members, whatever their specialty. AAP maintains that the denial of the opportunity for full and meaningful literacy to any individual in this country is antithetical to the values on which the publishing industry is based. Self-interest dictates that publishers support and participate in efforts to create readers receptive to and eager for the books they publish.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PRESSES (AAUP)

584 Broadway, Suite 410
New York, NY 10012
Phone 212-941-6610
Fax 212-941-6618

Contact: Christopher Terry, Publications Manager

The Association of American University Presses (AAUP) is a nonprofit organization that for over 50 years has worked to encourage the dissemination of scholarly research and ideas. Today the 113 members of the AAUP annually publish 9,000 books and more than 800 periodicals. The association seeks to promote public awareness of and interest in the study of literature and knowledge. It is the mission of the association, as education publishers, to promote reading as a vital contribution to success.

ASSOCIATION OF BOOKSELLERS FOR CHILDREN

4412 Chowan Avenue South, #303
Minneapolis, MN 55410
Phone 612-926-6650
Fax 612-926-6650

Contact: Caron Chapman, Executive Director

The Association of Booksellers for Children offers a national support network for professional children's booksellers who share the goal of encouraging high quality service within the children's

book industry. An underlying goal of its activities and programs is to bring high-quality children's books and children together.

ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL (AJLI)

660 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Phone 212-683-1515
Fax 212-481-7196

Contact: Christine Benero, Director, Washington Office
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Washington, DC 20004
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The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) is an organization of women that seeks to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. AJLI, headquartered in New York City, is made up of 286 leagues representing 193,000 women throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Britain. The association enlists women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ARL)

21 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
Phone 202-296-2296
Fax 202-872-0884

Contact: Prudence S. Adler, Assistant Executive Director

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is a nonprofit organization representing 119 public and private research libraries in North America. The members of ARL are actively involved in the provision of information resources--including those that are unique to the research and education community. ARL programs and services promote equitable access to and effective use of knowledge in support of teaching, research, scholarship, literacy, and community service.

ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH MUSEUMS (AYM)

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The Association of Youth Museums (AYM) is a professional service organization that seeks to enhance the quality, expand the capacity, and advance the vision of youth museums so that they may fulfill their mission in the interest of children. Founded in 1962 as a support group for youth museum directors, AYM has broadened its services and purposes as an international association. Membership consists primarily of youth museums but includes traditional museums with an interest in child/family audiences (300 museums in all), individuals, and corporate members. The promotion of literacy and reading is essential to the accomplishment of the association's mission.

AUXILIARY OF THE NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION

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Phone 517-764-0736

The Auxiliary of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, established in 1924, has approximately 50,000 members whose spouses are rural letter carriers. Realizing that the strength of our nation depends on a literate population, the auxiliary, through participation in numerous literacy programs, encourages and teaches children and adults in rural America to read.

BALTIMORE CITY LITERACY CORPORATION

5 East Read Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone 410-752-3595

Contact: Maggi G. Gaines, Director

The Baltimore City Literacy Corporation/Baltimore Reads is a nonprofit organization established by Mayor Kurt Schmoke to promote literacy and reading in Baltimore-- "the city that reads."

BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY LITERACY

1002 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20007
Phone 202-338-2006
Fax 202-337-6754

Contact: Benita Somerfield, Executive Director

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy was founded on March 6, 1989, by Mrs. George Bush. The foundation has two missions, to establish literacy as a value in every family in America and to break the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy. Since the foundation awarded its first grant in 1990, it has awarded 60 grants across the nation, totaling $2.5 million. In addition, the Barbara Bush Foundation identifies programs that are successful; awards grants to help establish family literacy initiatives; encourages parents and children to learn and read together; gives recognition to volunteers, teachers, students, and effective programs; and publishes and distributes materials.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

309 North Rios Street
Solana Beach, CA 92075
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Books and Beyond is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational programs and services that increase literacy and enable parents to fulfill their vital role in their child's education. The Books and Beyond reading incentive program was created specifically to improve attitudes toward reading and to foster a love of books. Developed in 1979, under the auspices of the Solana Beach School District in California, Books and Beyond is a part of the U.S. Department of Education's National Diffusion Network (NDN) and is recognized as an outstanding education model that helps break the growing pattern of illiteracy. Books and Beyond has been successfully implemented in over 5,000 school sites and currently reaches some 2.5 million children and their families. A preschool component, Ready to Read, developed through funding from the U.S. Department of Education, is designed to assist preschool parents in helping their children develop both a love of reading and an early enthusiasm for books. In addition, the organization provides the education advisers for the NFL's Math, Science, Beyond Program, and other services.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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The Boy Scouts of America has provided an education program for boys and young adults since the organization's inception in 1910. The program is designed to build character, to train boys in citizenship responsibilities, and to develop personal fitness. There are currently more than 4.1 million youth and almost 1.2 million adult leaders in the organization serving youth from first grade through age 20. The Boy Scouts of America demonstrates its concern for literacy through its emphasis on reading as an important basis for accomplishing individual advancement goals and through its publications for its members. Included in these publications is one of America's premier magazines, *Boys' Life*, which has been entertaining, informing, and educating young men with special features and regular columns since 1911.

CARTOONISTS ACROSS AMERICA

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Contact: Phil Yeh, President

Cartoonists Across America believes that literacy is the key to solving all major social and economic problems on the planet. Founded in 1985 with the purpose of using cartoons and humor to promote literacy, creativity, and other important issues, it is a nonprofit organization pledged to tour North America for 15 years (1986-2000) in an attempt to reach, through visual arts like cartoons, an entire generation accustomed to watching television, video, and film. Cartoonists Across America promotes literacy by painting murals, city buses, recycling trucks, vans, billboards, and anything else that might attract both media and public attention. These literacy murals have appeared in 48 states, three Canadian provinces, and Budapest, Hungary. Cartoonists Across America has also created more than 30 books, distributed in more than 1 million copies, connecting the issue of literacy to other important problems. It has also produced T-shirts, posters, bumper stickers, and other promotional items.

CENTER FOR ACCELERATING LITERACY (CAL)

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The Center for Accelerating Literacy (CAL) is a nonprofit organization supporting schools and programs that bring reading to young people. CAL has a three-part mission: (1) to promote the reading ability of young people and adults; (2) to provide educators at all levels with information and models of best practice that will assist them in teaching young people and adults to read; and (3) to disseminate information about models of best practice in the teaching of reading to the education community and to parents through a variety of channels.

THE CENTER FOR THE BOOK IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Library of Congress
101 Independence Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20540-4920
Phone 202-707-5221
Fax 202-707-0269
Home page on World Wide Web: http://lcweb.loc.gov/loc/cfbook

Contact: John Y. Cole, Director

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress was established by Public Law 95-129, on October 13, 1977, to stimulate public interest in books, reading, and libraries and to encourage the study of books and print. It works closely with other organizations to improve understanding of the vital role of books, reading, libraries, and literacy. A partnership between the government and the private sector, the center depends primarily on annual, tax-deductible contributions from corporations and individuals to support its projects, symposia, exhibits, and publications. Using private funds, it sponsors projects of interest to the general public and scholars. It serves as a catalyst and a source of ideas--both nationally and internationally--through an ever-expanding network of affiliated centers in more than 30 states and a reading promotion partnership program that includes more than 100 national, civic, and education organizations.

CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION

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The Chautauqua Institution, founded on Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York in 1874, is an international center for the arts, education, religion, and recreation. The promotion of reading is fundamental to its mission. Chautauqua's programs in lifelong learning include a 30,000- volume public library, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle (the oldest reading club in the country), and some 300 special studies classes for all ages. Chautauqua is also known for its lectures, which present diverse points of view on a series of nine weekly topics each summer.

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CWLA)

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The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), established in 1920, is a federation of over 800 public and voluntary child welfare agencies that work with children and their families on such issues as child abuse and neglect, adolescent pregnancy, out-of-home care, and adoption. As part of the America 2000 Coalition, CWLA collaborates with other national organizations to promote literacy. It is the largest publisher of child welfare materials in the United States.

CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL

568 Broadway, Suite 404
New York, NY 10012-3225
Phone 212-966-1990
Fax 212-966-2073
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.cbcbooks.org

Contact: Paula Quint, President

The Children's Book Council is a nonprofit organization that encourages the reading and enjoyment of children's books. Members are publishers of trade books for children and young adults.

CHILDREN'S TELEVISION WORKSHOP

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New York, NY 10023

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The Children's Television Workshop produces *Sesame Street*, *Ghostwriter*, *CRO*, *Creative Classroom*, *Kid City*, *3-2-1 Contact*, and *Big Bag* television-based projects designed to (1) encourage children to enjoy and value reading and writing, (2) show children how to use effective reading and writing strategies, and (3) provide children with compelling opportunities to read and write. The company's expertise extends over a range of media including television, home video, software, publishing, as well as licensed products and community outreach efforts.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION

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The Christian Booksellers Association is a trade association of some 3,000 retailers and suppliers specializing in books on Christian issues but including other items in the Christian retail business. The promotion of literacy and reading contributes directly to the welfare of the association, its members, and the general public.

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Portland, OR 97280-0357
Phone 503-244-6919 or 800-LIB-CSLA
Fax 503-977-3734

Contact: Judy Janzen, Executive Secretary

The Church and Synagogue Library Association, founded in 1967, provides inspirational and educational guidance nationally for persons establishing or administering the libraries of religious congregations.

CITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS)

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Cities in Schools (CIS) champions the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life. A typical team of community service providers might consist of health professionals, counselors, and career specialists. They are joined by volunteers who tutor, mentor, and offer role models for children. The business community provides incentives, job opportunities, and sponsorship. Local CIS programs reach more than 200,000 children at 1,000 education sites every year.

CONGRESS OF NATIONAL BLACK CHURCHES

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The Congress of National Black Churches, founded in 1978, unites eight of the nation's historic African American religious denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of God in Christ, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, and Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. This coalition represents over 65,000 churches and approximately 19 million congregants. The promotion of literacy and reading is an integral part of Project Spirit, a three-part program that addresses the needs of black children, their parents, and pastors through an after-school tutorial program to enhance life skills; a parent education program; and a pastoral counseling training program. The premise of Project Spirit is that the

African American church is the primary and probably the only institutional structure in the African American community that can effectively help large numbers of black families rear their children and provide the cultural context desperately needed to enrich, support, and guide the education and growth of African American youth.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

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Washington, DC 20525
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Created with bipartisan support by Congress, the President, and community groups nationwide in 1993, the Corporation for National Service is a public and private partnership that administers three national service initiatives: (1) AmeriCorps, which has more than 400 local and national sponsors, as well as AmeriCorps Vista and AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, (2) National Senior Service Corps, which encompasses Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer program, and (3) Learn and Serve America, which provides models and resources for teachers integrating service into classrooms from kindergarten through college.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING (CPB)

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The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental agency created by Congress to support high-quality cultural, educational, and informational programing for the American public. To fulfill this mission, CPB funds radio and television programs for national audiences and distributes direct grants to 584 CPB-supported public radio stations and to 351 public television stations in the United States and its territories. CPB's Office of Education has taken the lead in applying advanced technologies to the reform of America's schools, colleges, and universities. By making it possible for education information to be transmitted in a variety of ways to a variety of users, from preschool pupils through postgraduate scholars and employees in need of more rigorous workplace training, CPB hopes to help the nation grapple with the extraordinary educational challenges it faces.

CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CEA)

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The Correctional Education Association (CEA), founded in 1946, is a nonprofit professional association serving educators and administrators who provide services to students in correctional settings. The goals of CEA are to increase the effectiveness, expertise, and skills of its members; to encourage its members to participate in an active and supportive network of professionals who are leaders in the field of correctional education; to help improve the quality of educational programs and services for technical assistance; to offer timely and practical information to fellow staff members; and to represent the collective interests of correctional education before the government, the press, and the public on the international, national, state, provincial, and local levels. Because 75 percent of the U.S. adult prison population is functionally illiterate, the promotion of literacy education and reading is fundamental to the work of the CEA.

COUNCIL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

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The Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition is a nonprofit education organization that promotes high-quality child care by providing performance-based training, assessment, and credentialing of early childhood professionals. The council administers the Child Development Associate (CDA) National Credentialing Program; there are more than 80,000 CDAs located in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands. Literacy and reading are essential for lifelong learning and professional development.

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

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Washington, DC 20036
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The Council for Educational Development and Research is a nonprofit organization for institutions that engages in research, development, and related services. Its members use research knowledge to improve elementary and secondary education and to create the new knowledge vital for improving education. The council provides a forum for developing consensus among its membership about issues relating to the conduct of research and development and its application to education practice and policy. It synthesizes existing research and the wisdom from practice into discussions, forums, and documents that are designed to keep policy makers, education writers, and other key groups and individuals abreast of the latest education research and development information.

D.C. FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT

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The D.C. Family Literacy Project seeks to connect incarcerated parents with their families through activities to build literacy and to develop parenting skills. Children's literature and book-related activities are used to introduce issues of child development, to model developmentally appropriate activities that build literacy for both children and parents, and to provide positive experiences between incarcerated parents and their families. The Project is a collaboration of Georgetown University, the D.C. Department of Corrections, the D.C. Public Library, and First Book. The project currently operates at the Correctional Treatment Facility at the D.C. Department of Corrections.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, founded in 1913 at Howard University by 22 undergraduate women, is a private, nonprofit organization that provides services and programs to promote human welfare, which includes literacy and reading. With a membership of 185,000 predominately black college-educated women, the sorority has some 800 chapters in the United States, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and South Korea.

DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL (DETC)

1601 18th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009-2529
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Contact: Michael P. Lambert, Executive Director

The Distance Education and Training Council (DETC), founded in 1926 as the National Home Study Council, the name by which it was known until 1994, is a nonprofit education association of correspondence study educators promoting the cause of accredited distance learning. Some 60 institutions accredited by the DETC (the independent DETC Accrediting Commission is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accrediting) enroll over 3 million Americans in K-12 courses, in undergraduate college courses, in master's level courses, and postsecondary career training. Literacy is essential for success in distance study courses and the distance study community has a strong interest in ensuring that the American public maintains a high level of literacy if correspondence education is to survive into its second century of service to the nation.

FEDERATION OF STATE HUMANITIES COUNCILS

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The Federation of State Humanities Councils serves as the national advocate for the state humanities councils with the goal of supporting the critical role of the humanities in the private and public lives of the nation's people. Because the written word is central to the study of the humanities, the state humanities councils are committed to the expansion of literacy and reading.

FIRST BOOK

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First Book, a nationwide nonprofit organization, gives disadvantaged children the opportunity to read and own their first new book. First Book works with existing community-based family-literacy, tutoring, and mentor programs to distribute new books to children who are at risk of failing at school or of developing inadequate literacy skills. First Book targets children and families who, for economic or other reasons, have little or no access to books outside school. Through its book distributions, it encourages children to develop the self-confidence that owning a book can bring.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Cooperative State and Research Education and Extension Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250-0900
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The 4-H Program, founded in 1900, now has over 5,500,000 participants, in rural and urban areas, in 3,150 counties in the United States and its territories. The purpose of the program is to help young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, contributing members of society. Literacy and the habit of reading are prerequisites to all that the program seeks to accomplish. Over 1 million adult and teen volunteers work directly with youth participants at the local level.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES, U.S.A.

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Friends of Libraries, U.S.A., is a volunteer support network for over 2,800 groups nationwide that have a direct interest in libraries and the enjoyment of reading.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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Contact: Pat Nolan, Program Director

The General Federation of Women's Clubs International, the world's oldest and largest volunteer women's organization, which has 7,500 clubs and 300,000 members active in grass-roots projects across the nation, emphasizes the promotion of literacy and reading in its programs.

HADASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

50 West 58th Street
New York, NY 10019
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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America is a volunteer organization with a membership exceeding 350,000. Among other projects, Hadassah provides medical care in Israel at Hadassah Medical Organization and supports Hadassah College of Technology. Hadassah members serve as reading partners for READ*WRITE*NOW! and the organization co-published a guide to learning partners featuring the "paired reading" method of tutoring.

HOME & SCHOOL INSTITUTE/MEGASKILLS EDUCATION CENTER (HSI)

1500 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
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Contact: Harriett M. Stonehill, Director, MegaSkills Education Center

The Home & School Institute (HSI) is a nonprofit organization that helps families help their children to achieve in school and beyond by providing systematic training and materials that get the entire community involved in education. MegaSkills forms the base of HSI's newest national programs in which teachers and families together help children develop characteristics essential for academic achievement: confidence, motivation, effort, responsibility, initiative, perseverance, caring, teamwork, common sense, and problem solving skills.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS

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Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.iabc.com

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With 12,000 members in more than 40 countries (public relations practitioners, marketing specialists, human relations counselors, and others involved in communications), the International Association of Business Communicators fosters communications excellence in the workplace. The organization counsels individual members on literacy issues, and it supports programs that provide instruction in literacy and the promotion of reading.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP

1184 Union Street
Brooklyn, NY 11225
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Contact: Lucille C. Thomas, President

The International Association of School Librarianship provides an international forum for people interested in promoting effective school library media programs. The organization encourages the development of school libraries and library programs throughout the world.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK BANK

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Linthicum, MD 21090
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The International Book Bank is a nonprofit organization that solicits books from individuals, organizations, and publishers for dispatch to needy recipients around the world.

INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION

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Newark, DE 19714-8139
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Fax 302-731-1057

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The International Reading Association is a 95,000-member nonprofit organization dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy worldwide. The association serves as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of reading research through conferences, journals, and other publications.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL

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New York, NY 10010-1579
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For almost 50 years the Jewish Book Council, an independent organization, has served as the voice of Jewish literature in the United States. It is a clearinghouse for authors, publishers, and readers seeking information about Jewish literature. The council works to stimulate the writing, publishing, and reading of Jewish-content books. It sponsors the National Jewish Book Awards, presented annually to the authors of the best works in 14 categories. Its also sponsors Jewish Book Month. The Jewish Book Council publishes the *Jewish Book Annual* and *Jewish Book World*. It also works closely with libraries to help them maintain high-quality Judaic collections.

KIDSNET

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A national, nonprofit clearinghouse for children's television, radio, audio, multimedia, and video, KIDSNET produces and disseminates information electronically and in print on high-quality children's programming to education institutions and organizations, as well as to the public, through study guides and monthly publications. A major goal of KIDSNET is to demonstrate how television can motivate and enhance learning.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

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Indianapolis, IN 46268
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Kiwanis International is an organization of 8,500 community service clubs in approximately 81 countries. Founded in 1915, it has a long tradition of projects to help youth and improve the community. Many Kiwanis clubs have supported literacy tutoring programs.

LAUBACH LITERACY ACTION (LA)

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Laubach Literacy Action (LA) is the U.S. program of Laubach Literacy International, a nonprofit education organization founded in 1955 to help adults acquire the listening, speaking, reading,

writing, and mathematics skills required to solve problems of everyday life and to participate fully in society. LA provides training, resources, and materials to 1,000 local member programs. Each year 100,000 volunteers work with over 150,000 new readers nationwide.

THE LAZARUS FOUNDATION

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The Lazarus Foundation recycles yesterday's technology by collecting, refurbishing, and distributing computers free or at low cost to education institutions and other community service organizations that serve people with special needs in the Baltimore/Washington/Northern Virginia area. The Lazarus Foundation resurrects donated defective and unwanted computers and places them in schools and other nonprofit organizations. The foundation is currently working with other organizations that are interested in establishing their own Lazarus project.

LIBRARY OF AMERICA, THE LITERARY CLASSICS OF THE UNITED STATES

14 East 60th Street
New York, NY 10022
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Fax 212-750-8352

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The Library of America implements an award-winning, nonprofit program dedicated to publishing America's greatest writers in handsome hard-cover volumes featuring authoritative texts.

THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

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Founded in 1940, The Links, Incorporated is a national black women's service organization, with some 9,000 members in 250 chapters, in 34 states and the District of Columbia and also in the

Bahamas and in Frankfurt, Germany. The Links program addresses the spiritual, intellectual, and physical welfare of children and young people, especially those at risk in the inner city. The promotion of literacy and reading is a key aspect of the program.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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The Lions Clubs International encourages some 4,900 "Leos" (young men and women, ages 12-28) to serve others in their community. Through the International Literacy and Culture Project, Leos recognize the importance of an accessible education for all and participate in projects that help to create a more literate, culturally oriented world.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

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Literacy Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit organization that combats illiteracy through a network of community volunteer literacy programs. These affiliates provide individualized student-centered instruction in both basic literacy and English as a second language for adults and teens. More than 110,000 tutors and students are involved in 420 programs located in 44 states.

LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Minneapolis, MN 55404
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Contact: Leanna D. Kloempken, Executive Director

The Lutheran Church Library Association, founded in 1958, is a nonprofit service organization that encourages congregations to set up church library media centers; provides a quarterly magazine, a manual, and recommended booklists as guidelines; and provides teachers' workshops. The association keeps its members informed of the Library of Congress and American Library Association reading promotion themes and other literacy materials, and encourages other reading promotion partners to use its information and materials.

MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

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Marvel Entertainment publishes comic books and youth-oriented magazines, and manufactures trading cards, stickers and toys. Marvel's New World Entertainment Division delivers animated and live-action television shows and movies highlighting well-known characters. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, Marvel produces reading materials for schools that promote fun in a learning environment.

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MLA)

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The Modern Language Association of America (MLA) was established in 1883 to promote the study and teaching of English and the other modern languages, literature, linguistics, and folklore. The association has 32,000 members who teach in colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

NATIONAL ADULT LITERACY AND LEARNING DISABILITIES CENTER

Academy for Educational Development
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E-mail info@nalldc.aed.org

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The National Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities Center, funded by the National Institute for Literacy, promotes awareness about the relationship between adult literacy and learning disabilities. Through its national information exchange network and technical assistance training, the center helps literacy practitioners, policy makers, and researchers to meet the needs of adults with learning disabilities.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESS

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The National Alliance of Business is a nonprofit, business-led organization dedicated to creating public-private partnerships to improve the quality of America's work force. The alliance builds partnerships in K-12 education reform, work force literacy, school-to-work transition, and other areas that can help promote a highly skilled competitive work force.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (NAPVI)

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The National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired (NAPVI) was founded by parents in 1979 to help them find information and resources for their children who are blind, visually impaired, and blind with additional disabilities. Over the years NAPVI's outreach service has expanded to extend to families throughout the United States and the world. To educate parents about the unique developmental and educational needs of their children, NAPVI provides workshops and conferences, administers a national support and information network, produces a quarterly publication entitled *Awareness*, and supports the development of parent associations. NAPVI encourages parents, as their child's first teacher, to read to their children.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC)

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Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.naeyc.org/naeyc

Contact: Pat Spahr, Director of Information Development

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a nonprofit organization of nearly 100,000 members dedicated to improving the quality of care and education provided to our nation's young children (birth to age 8). NAEYC's primary goals are to improve professional prac-

tice of early childhood education and to build public understanding and support for high-quality early childhood programs. Among the vast array of resources available through the association's *Early Childhood Resources Catalog* are books and brochures related to the development of literacy in young children.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS (NAB)

1771 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-2891
Phone 202-429-5300

Contact: Don LeBrecht, Executive Director, Broadcast Industry Council

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is the trade association for the broadcasting industry, representing the networks and some 8,000 individual radio and television stations. NAB produces a variety of materials to help local broadcasters meet the needs of their communities and has actively addressed the issues of literacy and education.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS

5808 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
Phone 202-726-2044
Fax 202-726-0023

Contact: Carol A. Early, Executive Director

Created in 1896 by the merger of the National Federation of Afro-American Women, the Women's Era Club of Boston, and the Colored Women's League of Washington, D.C., the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs is the oldest organization of African American women in the United States. With members in 40 states, the organization promotes the education of women and youth, seeks to improve family living, develops capacities for leadership, and promotes interracial understanding so that equality may be attained. The promotion of literacy is one of the major aims of the organization.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1615 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone 703-684-3345
Fax 703-518-6281

Contact: Deborah Reeve, Associative Executive Director in Development and Special Projects
Ann Walker, Program Developer, Special Projects

The National Association of Elementary School Principals, founded in 1921, is a professional organization of more than 26,000 elementary and middle-school principals serving some 30 million

children in grades K-8, and other educators throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. The association's commitment to literacy and reading follows directly from one of its major aims--ensuring that children and youth have access to an excellent education.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (NAPE)

901 North Pitt Street, Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone 703-836-4880

Contact: Janet Cox, Director of Membership and Communications Services

The National Association of Partners in Education (NAPE) helps form effective partnerships that are intended to ensure education success for all students. Through tutoring, mentoring, writing curriculums, sponsoring teacher training, and advocating higher academic standards, partnerships help create a successful learning environment for students. NAPE views a student's ability to read as essential to success in education.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
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Contact: Thomas F. Koerner, Deputy Executive Director
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The National Association of Secondary School Principals, an organization of 43,000 middle school and high school educators, was founded in 1916 to serve the professional needs of its members. Literacy is singularly important to the association and its members because it is the basis for most learning.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (NAUW)

1205 West 80th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044
Phone 213-753-7572
Fax 213-752-0663

Contact: Mrs. Carrie A. Haynes, National Director, SELF Projects

The National Association of University Women (NAUW), an organization founded in 1930 for African American women, has 98 branches and 4,000 members. To provide education services to African American learners at every level of development, NAUW sponsors the SELF Projects in all its branches across the country. The project helps women who have left school and still need to master the basic skills required to function effectively in society.

NATIONAL BLACK CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (NBCDI)

1023 15th Street, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
Phone 202-387-1281
Fax 202-234-1738

Contact: Sherry C. Deane, Deputy Executive Director

Founded in 1970, the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) works to improve the quality of life and opportunities for African American children and their families through direct services, public education, leadership training, and research. NBCDI focuses on issues and services that fall within four areas: health, child welfare, education, and child care/early childhood education. The organization monitors public policy issues that affect African American children and educates the public through regular publications, an annual conference, and other public education forums. NBCDI is supported by a volunteer network of affiliates across the country.

NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION

260 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10001
Phone 212-685-0261
Fax 212-213-6570

Contact: Neil Baldwin, Executive Director

Founded in 1989, the National Book Foundation, sponsor of the National Book Awards, raises funds to support a wide array of literary public outreach programs. Since its creation, the foundation has arranged public appearances for more than 100 authors in diverse settings (conferences, discussion groups, lectures, seminars, etc.) in 40 states. Other foundation programs include National Book Week, the third week in January, which is the occasion for celebrations across the country of writers, books, and reading; the Writing Life Project, which, with the state centers for the book and the state humanities councils, sponsors author residencies and reading circles; and other public outreach programs such as the Family Literacy Project, the New York City Settlement House Program, the Summer Writing Camp in upstate New York, and the American Voices Project, designed to encourage reading and spark the literary imaginations of American Indians.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1077 30th Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20007-3852
Phone 202-337-6232
Fax 202-333-6706

Contact: Sister Antoinette Dudek, OSF, Assistant Executive Director, Early Childhood and Special Educational Services, Department of Elementary Schools
Tara McCallum, Administrative Assistant, Department of Elementary Schools

With a membership of some 200,000 educators, the National Catholic Educational Association represents Catholic educators at all levels and provides leadership, service, and research to its members. The promotion of literacy and reading is a fundamental concern.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY LITERACY (NCFL)

Waterfront Plaza
325 West Main Street, Suite 200
Louisville, KY 40202-4251
Phone 502-584-1133
Fax 502-584-0172

Contact: Sharon Darling, President

The National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is a nonprofit corporation that aims to make literacy services available to every family in the nation that needs these services. NCFL provides model demonstration programs; state and local seminars and planning sessions for policy makers; training and technical assistance for family literacy instructors; research; and the dissemination of information to enhance the field of family literacy. Publications include a magazine, training materials, videotapes, and reports.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (NCLD)

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1420
New York, NY 10016
Phone 212-545-7510
Fax 212-545-9665

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is a leading national nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of the one in seven children and adults with learning disabilities (LD). Services include raising public awareness and understanding of LD with national information and referral education programs and legislative advocacy. NCLD produces education packets and videos, an annual magazine, *Their World*, and newsletters to advance public awareness of LD. NCLD's information and referral service provides, free of charge, the latest information on LD and on resources available nationwide to parents, professionals and adults with LD. This library of free information holds over 3,000 resources and 25 topical packets. Because reading disabilities constitute the largest subset of LD, NCLD offers current resources on reading for both parents and teachers. Innovative education programs help people with LD and those who work with them through national summits, seminars, and training programs. NCLD offers membership to the public, which entitles individuals and organizations to receive a special packet on LD as well as regular updates and resources.

NATIONAL CHILD CARE INFORMATION CENTER (NCCIC)

301 Maple Avenue West, Suite 602
Vienna, VA 22180
Phone 800-616-2242
Fax 800-716-2242
Home page on the internet: http://ericps.ed.uiuc.edu/nccic/nccichome.html

Contact: Anne Goldstein, Director

The National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) was established under contract with the Child Care Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to complement, enhance, and promote child care linkages and to support high-quality, comprehensive services for children and families. NCCIC serves as an adjunct Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) Clearinghouse for Child Care. Through its partnership with ERIC, the U.S. Department of Education, and DHHS, NCCIC is a source of information on family literacy and children's acquisition of literacy skills. NCCIC works closely with the AmeriCorps Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center to provide free information and technical assistance support to READ*WRITE*NOW! activities.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ESL LITERACY EDUCATION (NCLE)

1118 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
Phone 202-429-9292
Fax 202-659-5641

Contact: Joy Peyton, Director
Fran Keenan, User Services Coordinator

The National Clearinghouse for ESL Literacy Education (NCLE), an adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse, focuses on literacy education for adults and out-of-school youth learning English as a second language. NCLE provides to literacy instructors, volunteers, researchers, and program administrators around the country information and referral services on questions of literacy education for adults learning English. It also provides free publications on research and practice, NCLE *Notes* (a semi-annual newsletter on literacy news and resources), books and papers on literacy education, and serves as a link to other national and local literacy contacts.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

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Staff Director, Secretariat
The Council of State Governments
Iron Works Pike
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Lexington, KY 40578-1910
Phone 606-244-8171
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The National Conference of Lieutenant Governors provides a forum for exchange of views and experiences for those officials next in line of succession to the governorship in the 50 states and five territorial jurisdictions. It fosters interstate cooperation and promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of Lieutenant Governor. At the initiative of its Task Force on Education, the conference has become a partner in the Library of Congress national literacy campaigns and in promoting the importance of reading.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS)

3501 Newark Street NW
Washington, DC 20016
Phone 202-966-7840, ext. 115
Fax 202-966-2061

Contact: Martharose Laffey, Executive Director

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) provides leadership in the field of social studies education and professional development for social studies educators, and helps foster and strengthen social studies education. NCSS promotes the highest-quality social studies curriculum and instruction at all levels and in all settings. It promotes literacy and reading because command of the former and a love of the latter are essential qualifications for success in the field of social studies.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN (NCNW)

633 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004
Phone 202-737-0120

Contact: Eleanor Hinton Hoytt, Director of Programs

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), established in 1935, is a voluntary, nonprofit membership organization seeking to advance education, social, and economic opportunities for African American women, their families, and the community. Through 35 National African American Women's affiliate organizations and 250 community-based sections in 42 states, NCNW has an outreach to 4 million women.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE DIRECTORS OF ADULT EDUCATION

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Washington, DC 20001
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E-mail ve_bowling@ode.ohio.gov

The National Council of State Directors of Adult Education, formed in 1967 in response to the Adult Education Act of 1966, is made up of the administrators of the adult education programs of all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The council fosters public policy that supports literacy and basic education, promotes adult education as a professional field of endeavor, and works with other organizations interested and involved in literacy and basic skills education. Together, the federal and state programs that council members administer are the largest single source of literacy funding in the country.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

1111 West Kenyon Road
Urbana, IL 61801

Contact: Dr. Miles Myers, Executive Director
Phone 217-328-3870
Fax 217-328-0977

The National Council of Teachers of English is devoted to improving the teaching of English and the language arts at all levels of education. Founded in 1911, it provides a forum for the profession, an array of opportunities for teachers to continue their professional growth throughout their careers, and a framework for cooperation to deal with issues that affect the teaching of English. It promotes the development of literacy and the use of language to enable people to achieve full participation in society.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING

409 Third Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
Phone 202-479-1200
Fax 202-479-0735

Contact: Sylvia Riggs Liroff, Manager, Older Adult Education

The National Council on the Aging, a private, nonprofit organization established in 1950, serves as a national resource of information, training, technical assistance, advocacy, and research on every aspect of aging. It promotes lifelong learning opportunities for older adults in a variety of settings and sponsors reading and discussions in partnerships with libraries and other educators throughout the United States.

NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL (NDC)

10255 West Higgins Road, Suite 900
Rosemont, IL 60018-5616
Phone 847-803-2000
Fax 847-803-2077

Contact: Tab Forgac, M.S., R.D., Vice President, Nutrition Services
Phone 847-803-2000, ext. 345

The National Dairy Council (NDC) has been a leader in nutrition research and education since 1915. NDC has been a partner with the U.S. Department of Education in developing an activity book for Title I and other children for the READ*WRITE*NOW! initiative.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NEA)

1201 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Fax 202-822-7997

Contact: Sylvia Seidel, National Center for Innovation
Phone 202-822-7906

The National Education Association (NEA), founded in 1857 "to elevate the character and advance the interests of the profession and to promote the cause of popular education in the United States," has 2.2 million members -- K-12 teachers, higher education faculty, and education support personnel, from preschool through postgraduate institutions, as well as students preparing to become teachers and some 100,000 retired educators. NEA believes that public education is at the very heart of the American dream, and continues to support programs that improve literacy and reading as part of its commitment to excellence in education.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRESS WOMEN

Contact: Ruthann Saenger, Capital Literacy Director
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Alexandria, VA 22304
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Fax 703-548-8735

The National Federation of Press Women, which represents 3,000 women working in the communication field, promotes literacy by using the newspaper to teach people to read. It sponsors nationwide Family Literacy Days in 15 cities to generate an awareness of the need to erase illiteracy and of the community spirit required to do so.

NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

121 Oronoco Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone 703-838-2870
Fax 703-838-1620

Contact: Lorraine Edmo, Executive Director

The National Indian Educational Association is a nonprofit association dedicated to improving education, and access to education, for American Indian and Alaskan Native people, for many of whom literacy is a major problem. It has over 3,000 members, most of whom are Indian, Aleut, or Inuit, directly involved in education as teachers, administrators, or in tribal or state education offices. Its interest extends from preschool through graduate and adult education.

NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES (NICHY)

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013-1492
Phone 202-884-8200 (Voice/TT), 800-695-0285 (Voice/TT)
Fax 202-884-8441
SpecialNet User Name: NICHY
Home page on the internet: nichy@aed.org

Contact: Information Specialist

The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities is a clearinghouse that provides free information on disabilities and disability-related issues particularly with respect to children and youth (birth to age 22).

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER FOUNDATION

1525 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone 703-907-7900, 800-829-4662
Fax 703-907-7901

Contact: Carol Pierce, Vice President for Programs and Administration
Phone 703-907-7914

The National Newspaper Foundation is the educational arm of the National Newspaper Association, which represents the interests of more than 4,600 community newspapers. It distributes information on journalism careers and "Newspapers in Education" information (explained on page 58), and issues publications encouraging the maintenance of high professional standards. The promotion of literacy and reading is fundamental to the achievement of the other goals of the foundation.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL, INC.

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Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.indiana.edu/~nphc/

Contact: Michael V.W. Gordon, Executive Director

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., serves as the coordinator of eight fraternities and sororities, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, in furtherance of their national programs to promote unity on college and university campuses and the communities where alumni (ae) chapters are located. Members of the

national board of directors of the affiliate fraternities and sororities help the "Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP)."

NATIONAL PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)

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Chicago, IL 60611-3690
Phone 312-670-6782
Fax 312-670-6783

Contact: Pamela J. Grotz, Acting Executive Director

The National Parents Teachers Association (PTA), founded in 1897, serves as an advocate for the education, health, safety, and welfare of children and youth. Members are parents, students, grandparents, teachers, school administrators, and other persons in the community. PTAs have sponsored outstanding reading and literacy programs and awards throughout the organization's history. The National PTA views the ability to read and the continued learning that is possible through reading as fundamental to improving the quality of education in America.

NATIONAL READING STYLES INSTITUTE

P.O. Box 737
Syosset, NY 11791
Phone 516-921-5500, 888-ALL-READ
E-mail nrsi@interramp.com
Home page on World Wide Web: http://www.literacy.org

Contact: Dr. Marie Carbo, Executive Director

The National Reading Styles Institute is a research-based organization that promotes literacy through the use of instruction grounded in learning styles. It focuses on teacher training, the development of model schools, and the identification of strategies that result in high reading gains in short periods of time. The organization emphasizes the identification of student strengths, matching reading methods to those strengths, and the extensive use of modeling methods for those children with limited proficiency in English.

NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (NRTA)

601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049
Phone 202-434-2380
Fax 202-434-6406

Contact: Annette S. Norsman, Director

Founded in 1947, the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), a division of the American Association of Retired Persons, is a 1.2 million-member network serving 2,600 local retired educa-

tion associations and 53 state- and city-affiliated associations. NRTA members are dedicated to providing continuous education opportunity for all; advocating and educating for financial security in retirement; protecting the rights and well-being of citizens, especially the old and the young; and participating in community service activities.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

1680 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone 703-838-6722

Contact: Dr. Jeremiah Floyd, Associate Executive Director

The National School Boards Association is a nonprofit organization that represents the national and federal interests of the 95,000 local school board members who serve on the 15,025 local school boards in the United States. Founded in 1940, the association promotes high-quality public education through the school board policy-making system. The association cooperates with other institutions to promote literacy among people of all ages through strong motivational strategies, concentrated focus, and effective program delivery.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (NSPRA)

1501 Lee Highway, Suite 201
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone 703-528-5840
Fax 703-528-7017

Contact: Richard D. Bagin, Executive Director

The main goal of the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA), founded in 1935, is to improve citizen understanding of the objectives, accomplishments, and needs of the nation's schools by training educators to work more effectively with parents and the community. As the premiere education communications association, with links to all school districts across the nation and a mission to advance education through responsible communication, NSPRA disseminates successful programs, including those that promote literacy and reading, to increase public participation.

NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (NSTA)

1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000
Phone 703-243-7100
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Contact: Gerald F. Wheeler, Executive Director

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), founded in 1944, is the largest organization in the world committed to the improvement of science education at all levels--preschool through college. NSTA's current membership of over 52,000 consists of science teachers, science supervi-

sors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in science education. The association publishes five journals, a newspaper, and some special publications. It conducts national and regional conventions that attract more than 30,000 participants annually. NSTA also provides awards and scholarships, teacher training workshops, educational tours, and an employment registry. It offers professional certification for science teachers in seven categories. As an advocate for science educators, it keeps its members and the general public informed about national issues and trends in science education. The promotion of scientific literacy throughout our society is fundamental to its mission.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

500 East 62nd Street
New York, NY 10021
Phone 212-310-9220
Fax 212-310-9219

Contact: Rene Jefferson, Director

The staff of the Education Department at the National Urban League works with affiliates to mobilize and train parents; build strong alliances with schools; work more effectively with other community-based organizations; collaborate with local, state, and national policy groups; conduct research and analysis; and develop policy statements based on that research.

NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT

School of Education
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720

Contact: Richard Sterling, Executive Director
Mary Ann Smith, Co-Director
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The National Writing Project is a nationwide program to improve student writing by improving the teaching of writing at all grade levels, kindergarten through university. The project serves over 100,000 teachers a year at 160 local sites in 45 states.

NEW JERSEY CONNECTION

Contact: Pat Morris, Executive Director
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Whippany, NJ 07981
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The New Jersey Connection is a coalition of child-related associations and corporate sponsors that seek to give young people the "gift, joy, and promise of reading." Its activities, (open to students in grades 1 - 12), foster a love for reading and writing. The Enthusiastic Reader Award recognizes students who exhibit an enthusiasm for reading. The *Young People's Book*, an annual publication of students' writing about reading, gives young people from around the state a chance to share their feelings about and experiences with books. In Read-Aloud programs, young people and prominent adults from the community read aloud their favorite selections from literature in shopping malls, libraries, and schools. The Enthusiastic Librarian or Teacher Awards recognize teachers or librarians who exhibit enthusiasm in their reading programs.

NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA FOUNDATION (NAA)

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Reston, VA 22091
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The Newspaper Association of America Foundation, established in 1965, is the educational and charitable arm of the Newspaper Association of America (NAA), a trade association for the newspaper industry. Through its educational services department, the NAA Foundation sponsors programs that develop tomorrow's readers by helping them acquire and appreciate information from newspapers and other media. Through its literacy programs, the NAA Foundation helps newspapers and the communities they serve to provide opportunities to improve literacy among young students in an effort to create informed, participatory citizens.

NICKELODEON'S BIG HELP

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New York, NY 10108
Phone 212-258-7080
Fax 212-846-1721

Contact: Jean Margaret Smith, Director of Special Projects

Launched in 1994, Big Help is Nickelodeon's multiyear, grass-roots campaign to encourage youth to do volunteer work in their communities. Daily TV public service announcements suggest ways that youth can be involved and volunteer in their neighborhoods, including participation in reading, writing, and mentoring programs. Nickelodeon also provides kits free of charge to groups planning volunteer projects for youth.

OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS OF AMERICA (OIC)

1415 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Contact: C. Benjamin Lattimore, National Director of Literacy Programs
Phone 800-621-4642, ext. 251
Fax 215-236-7480

Founded in 1964 by the Reverend Leon Howard Sullivan, OIC is dedicated to providing basic skills training, job skills training, and placement opportunities for disadvantaged youth, men, and women. Recognizing that employment and social opportunities are directly related to the ability to read and comprehend, OIC promotes literacy and reading, employing various remediation activities to strengthen the academic and functional needs of the unemployed and the underemployed. OIC's operate over 70 community-based affiliates in the continental United States. Its sister organization, OIC International, provides services in 28 countries in Africa, Central America, and Asia.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS (PWP)

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Chicago, IL 60611-4267
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Fax 312-321-6869

Contact: Kathleen M. Bell, CAE, Executive Director

Parents Without Partners (PWP) is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, education organization devoted to the welfare of children of single parents. Founded in 1957 in New York City, it now has some 65,000 members in 500 chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. The promotion of literacy and reading is important to PWP because, as an education organization, it is concerned with providing support, fellowship, and opportunities for personal growth and stronger family relationships in a balanced program of educational, family, and social activities.

PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY

1811 Q Street NW
Washington, DC 20009-1696
Phone 202-265-3808
Fax 202-986-1601

Contact: Dr. Douglas Foard, Secretary

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society. Established in 1776, it has some 500,000 living members, 248 chapters, and 50 alumni associations nationwide. Its purpose is to foster excellence in undergraduate liberal arts education, and it views literacy and reading as "both natural and necessary."

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY

145 Kennedy Street NW
Washington, DC 20011-5294
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Fax 202-882-1681

Contact: Dr. Lawrence E. Miller, National Executive Director

Founded in 1914 at Howard University as an African American fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma has some 200 chapters and 95,000 members in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Because education along with social action and promotion of business is a major interest, the fraternity is involved in the promotion of literacy and reading.

PHI DELTA KAPPA

P.O. Box 789
Eighth and Union Street
Bloomington, IN 47402-0789
Phone 812-339-1156

Contact: Dr. Ronald Joekel, Executive Director

Phi Delta Kappa is a professional organization for men and women in education. Founded in 1906, it has 676 chapters and 134,000 members across the United States, in Canada, and in 14 other countries. The promotion of literacy and reading is a basic part of Phi Delta Kappa's commitment to the improvement of schools.

PIZZA HUT

9111 East Douglas
Wichita, KS 67201
Phone 800-426-6548

Contact: Eunice Ellis, Director, BOOK IT!

Pizza Hut supports the largest school-based literacy program in the United States: BOOK IT! The company is also a major partner in the READ*WRITE*NOW! program. Pizza Hut supplies both programs with coupons for free personal pan pizza as incentives and rewards for children.

READAMERICA

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READAmerica is a nonprofit reading advocacy foundation. Believing that the family is any nation's most powerful education institution, READAmerica's sole purpose is to encourage reading in the families of America. "At the moment a parent starts reading to a child there is a victory."

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF)

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Washington, DC 20024
Phone 202-287-3220
Fax 202-287-3196

Contact: James H. Wendorf, Director, Programs and Planning
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Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is the nation's oldest children's literacy organization, currently serving more than 3.7 million children at 5,000 sites in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. RIF's grass-roots network of 202,000 volunteers is a key ingredient in developing the literacy of young people. RIF ensures that children have books in the home, provides activities to stimulate reading interest, encourages reading for pleasure, develops intergenerational programs to make books and reading an important focus of family life, and makes a variety of publications available to educators, families, and others interested in encouraging children to read and learn.

READING RECOVERY COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA (RRCNA)

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29 West Woodruff
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Columbus, OH 43210
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Fax 614-292-4260

Contact: Jean Bussell, Executive Director
Susan Paynter, Representative for READ*WRITE*NOW!

The Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA), a nonprofit association of trainers, administrators, teacher leaders, and teachers, works to enable all children to achieve early literacy success. RRCNA supports dissemination of Reading Recovery and Desubriendo La Lectura (Reading Recovery in Spanish), a research-based early intervention program that delivers accelerated instruction for children who experience difficulty in their first year of reading. RRCNA forms wide-ranging partnerships to enhance collaborative research, professional development, and the expansion of literacy education. RRCNA members span all tiers of education and the community throughout 48 U.S. states, Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and Asia, and five Canadian provinces.

THE READING FOUNDATION

526 South Taft Street
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The Reading Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that encourages parental accountability in literacy by creating pervasive community expectations that parents read 20 minutes a day with their child from birth through third grade and school accountability that ensures 90 percent of children read at least at the third grade level by the end of the third grade.

The organization supports partnerships with associated school districts through a seven-year media campaign, creation of grass roots reading volunteer groups in each community to support the parent and school accountability goals, and clearinghouse activities that coordinate national, (READ*WRITE*NOW!), state, and local resources.

RINGLING BROTHERS AND BARNUM & BAILEY COMBINED SHOWS

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For more than 125 years, Ringling and Barnum & Bailey Circus has worked not only to entertain America's children but also to educate them. Realizing the unique ability of the circus to tap into a child's imagination, the Educational Services Department has created a multifaceted program for use in grades K-3. Teaching resource packets are offered free of charge, and additional resources are made available for purchase. The Educational Services Department also offers workshop seminars designed to teach educators how to incorporate the theme of circus across the entire curriculum.

SCHOLASTIC

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For more than 75 years, Scholastic has been committed to creating high quality education materials for students, teachers, and families. A major multimedia company, Scholastic is the world's leading publisher and distributor of children's books, classroom and professional magazines, instructional materials, and other educational products. Scholastic also publishes education software and produces video and television programming for children and families.

SER--JOBS FOR PROGRESS

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SER--Jobs for Progress is a national network of organizations that, in partnership with the corporate and public sectors, administers, formulates, and advocates initiatives to increase the development and utilization of America's human resources. The corporation concentrates on addressing the needs of Hispanics for education, job skills training, literacy, and employment opportunities, with emphasis on literacy as the foundation of all learning. SER has some 40 affiliates located in 80 cities in the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

SOFTWARE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION (SPA)

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The Software Publishers Association (SPA) is the international trade association for the desktop computer software industry. Founded in 1984, SPA now has more than 1200 members, comprised of large and small publishers in the education, business, and consumer markets worldwide. The Education Market Section comprises some 700 companies whose common business interest is to publish education software for the K-12, home, preschool, school-to-work, adult, special education, vocational, and postsecondary education markets.

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION (SNPA)

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The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association (SNPA) is a trade association for daily newspapers, with 420 members in 14 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia). Since 1989 SNPA has promoted a program that encourages member newspapers to participate in community efforts to overcome illiteracy and Newspaper in Education programs for schools (described later in the Thompson Newspaper Corporation section).

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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The Special Libraries Association has a membership of nearly 15,000 special librarians and information managers, brokers, and consultants at companies, government agencies, museums, hospitals, and other types of organizations with specialized information needs. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it has 56 chapters, in the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East, and 28 divisions representing industry specialists. The association helps meet the needs of its members in the areas of professional development, government relations, public relations, and research. It recognizes literacy as a fundamental personal and professional skill.

TEACHERS & WRITERS COLLABORATIVE (T&W)

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The Teachers & Writers Collaborative (T&W), a nonprofit organization founded in 1967, sends writers into schools to give writing workshops and publishes books and a magazine on the teaching of imaginative writing. Its Center for Imaginative Writing is a resource library and meeting place for educators, writers, and students in the Greater New York City area and a link to teachers and writers across the country. Much of T&W's work explores the connections between writing and reading literature, in the belief that early exposure to the *art* of writing helps young people become not only better students but also lifetime readers and writers.

THOMSON NEWSPAPERS CORPORATION

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Thomson Newspapers publishes newspapers in both the United States and Canada. Believing that literacy and the habit of reading are vital to the health of a democratic society and its press, Thomson Newspapers offers, through its member newspapers, three literacy programs: (1) "Newspapers in Education," which includes teacher training for university credit, workshops in schools, summer

camp programs and summer projects, student editorial and Design-an-Ad contests, high school student newspaper publications, youth pages, and support of libraries; (2) "Adult Literacy," which is designed to break the chain of illiteracy that passes from generation to generation and includes training programs for literacy tutors (among them the tutors of inmates of correctional institutions) and sponsorship of local, national, and international literacy events; and (3) "Family Focus," which emphasizes--in coordination with local libraries--family literacy and cross-generational reading.

TIME WARNER

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"Time to Read" is Time Warner's nationwide literacy program. Now in its 10th year of operation, "Time to Read" is the nation's largest corporate-sponsored literacy volunteer program. "Time to Read" trains volunteer tutors and pairs them with adolescents and adults who wish to improve their reading skills. The program uses a variety of Time Warner products--magazines, music videos, comics, television scripts--and a customized curriculum to improve learners' vocabulary skills and develop lifelong reading strategies.

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Every day, thousands of teachers use USA Today's "ClasslineToday" lesson plan to inspire, challenge, and educate students with relevant, real-world issues. Students' natural abilities are stimulated as they solve problems and think critically about the news that shapes their world. With orders of USA Today delivered to students, Classline Today is delivered free. This four-page teaching plan provides curriculum objectives and ready-to-use activities in every subject area--including language arts, social studies, math, science, and geography.

U.S. BOARD ON BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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The U.S. Board on Books for Young People is the U.S. section of the International Board on Books for Young People. Its major purpose is to provide high quality reading materials for young people throughout the world and to facilitate the exchange of information internationally on aspects of books and reading encouragement.

UNITED WAY OF AMERICA

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United Way of America is a national service organization that aims to "support and serve local United Ways to help increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another." Each year some 2,100 local United Ways raise more than $3.4 billion, which provide technical, planning, management, and organizational support to 44,000 nonprofit agencies throughout the United States. Since 1989, United Way of America has been working to create and sustain a national policy that makes literacy a national priority; to strengthen the capacity and resources of America's literacy and education systems; and to support, encourage, and expand a collaborative approach to achieving literacy for all Americans by the year 2010.

WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT WRITERS (WIW)

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Established in 1975 as a nonprofit organization to promote the mutual interests of free-lance writers and to provide members a variety of services for mutual interests, Washington Independent Writers (WIW) has grown rapidly in scope and stature. In addition to offering such resources as a newsletter, job bank, grievance committee, and health insurance, it conducts professional and social forums for the exchange of information and ideas, plays an active role in issues that affect the independent writing profession, and strives to correct unfair practices in the field. Its membership ranges from full-time authors of best sellers, magazine articles, newspaper features, short stories, poetry or film scripts, to writers on assignment for government agencies, trade associations, public interest groups and private business, and to those just beginning their free-lance careers. WIW promotes literacy and reading both as a measure of enlightened self-interest and as a public outreach service to the community.

THE WASHINGTON POST

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The Washington Post offers "Inside The Washington Post" -- an integrated curriculum resource program for the classroom, designed to reinforce fundamental skills of newspaper reading and reading in general. Teachers using *The Post*'s program are trained in a one-on-one workshop and receive a teacher's manual with more than 150 exercises at three skill levels and various classroom resources.

"Learning Partners" is a free at-home program using the newspaper with school-age children. Learning Partners" complements "Inside The Washington Post," using and reinforcing the same fundamental skills being taught in the classroom. "Learning Partners" activities include puzzles and games for students from preschool through grade 12. Free workshops are offered to parent groups such as PTAs, as well as to any community groups such as library associations and community centers.

WEEKLY READER CORPORATION

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For nearly 70 years, Weekly Reader has been providing significant, relevant, up-to-date news and information to students. Ranging from preschool through grade 12, Weekly Reader's 18 periodicals are read by some 8 million children and young adults each week. Grade-appropriate content stimulates interest, provokes critical thinking and discussion, and instills a sense of civic responsibility. As one of the largest education publishers in the country, Weekly Reader promotes literacy and reading among children and sponsors a number of reading and writing contests each year, including the About Literature Essay Contest, sponsored by *Read*, the corporation's language arts magazine for middle-school and high school students.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN (WOW)

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Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW), founded in 1964, works nationally and in its home community of Washington, D.C., to foster economic independence and equality of opportunity for women and girls. For nearly 30 years WOW has provided programs emphasizing literacy, technical and nontraditional skills, and career development to help women learn to earn. WOW believes that literacy is one of the key paths to women's economic self-sufficiency and breadth of life choices. WOW coordinates a network of education and training centers in 50 states, serving 300,000 women each year.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION (WNBA)

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The Women's National Book Association (WNBA), with chapters in 10 cities across the country, binds together publishers, librarians, and booksellers; writers, editors, and agents; designers, illustrators, and book producers. WNBA, working to help people feel at home in the world of books, believes that reading is the key to lifelong learning for individuals and wholeness for society.

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Federal Help

The following federal offices provide literacy services.

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Federal Help

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY (NIFL)

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Home page on the internet: http://novel.nifl.gov

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The National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) is an independent federal institute, jointly administered by the secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. The NIFL serves as a hub for adult literacy activities nationwide. An important part of its mission is to strengthen the system for adult literacy so that every adult has access to appropriate services of the highest quality. The goal of all NIFL activities is to help adult learners gain the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill their roles as parents, workers, and citizens. NIFL supports a toll-free hotline that provides literacy program referrals and other related information nationwide: 800-228-8813; 800-552-9097 TDD.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Contact: Jim Eckel, Reading Coordinator
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Since 1946 the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools system has been operating elementary and secondary schools on U.S. military bases for the children of military and civilian personnel assigned overseas. DoDEA provides education opportunities comparable to those offered in the better school systems in the United States. This segment of U.S. public education consists of approximately 200 elementary, middle, junior high and high schools, and a community college. The schools are located in 19 countries around the world, with an enrollment of approximately 90,000 students. DoDEA strives to help students reach their full potential as competent, independent readers and thinkers who enjoy reading as a lifelong pursuit, and who function as literate, contributing citizens in their communities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

600 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Contact: Patricia McKee, Group Leader, Compensatory Education Programs
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The Office of Compensatory Education Programs administers the Even Start Family Literacy Program. Even Start provides federal financial assistance for family-centered education projects to help parents learn the literacy and parenting skills they need to become full partners in the education of their young children and to help those children reach their full potential as learners.

Office of Compensatory Education

Contact: Mary Jean LeTendre, Director, Compensatory Education Programs
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Fax 202-260-7764

The Office of Compensatory Education administers the largest federal elementary and secondary education program, Title I (Part A), of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Title I is designed to help disadvantaged students. Title I provides financial assistance through state education agencies to local education agencies to meet the education needs of children who are failing or most at risk of failing to meet state standards in schools with high concentrations of children from low-income families.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy

Contact: Julia Shepherd, Chief, Program Improvement Branch
Office of Vocational and Adult Education
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Fax 202-205-8973
Home Page on World Wide Web: http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/

The U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Vocational and Adult Education, administers the Adult Education Act, Public Law 100-297, as amended by the National Literacy Act of 1991. The Adult Education Act is the Department's major program that supports and promotes services for educationally disadvantaged adults. The Division maintains cooperative and consultative relations with federal, state, and local agencies that provide basic skills services. It maintains a clearinghouse that offers national information resources on issues and trends in adult education and literacy, publishes a quarterly newsletter, the A.L.L. Points Bulletin, and reports on promising practices in adult education.

READ*WRITE*NOW!
Contact: Susan Thompson-Hoffman, READ*WRITE*NOW!
Office of the Under Secretary, Planning and Evaluation Service
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The Planning and Evaluation Service in the Office of the Under Secretary coordinates READ*WRITE*NOW!, an intergenerational program to improve the reading and writing skills of children from birth through grade 6. READ*WRITE*NOW! materials may be obtained free of charge through the Department's toll free number: 1-800-USA-LEARN.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Library, Room 4A191
1001 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Contact: Denise Diggin, Librarian
Phone 202-586-6022

The country needs a scientifically literate general public to reach sound decisions on many of the major issues that will shape our future and to ensure an adequate pool of people from which to recruit the scientists and technicians that will be required. For this reason the U.S. Department of Energy participates in a variety of programs that foster education goals nationwide and promotes literacy in science and technology.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Washington, DC 20447

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Administration for Children and Families
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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for a broad range of programs related to the health and welfare of the United States. Specifically, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is responsible for federal programs that promote self-sufficiency for disadvantaged Americans. By providing income support, social services, and comprehensive development services to help them become independent, ACF improves the well-being of low-income families, neglected and abused children and youth, American Indians, refugees, and people with developmental disabilities and mental retardation. The promotion of literacy is a key element in ACF programs, as it provides opportunities for people to assume greater responsibility and achieve independence and dignity.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Contact: Dennis Miller
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Education Branch
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Washington, DC 20534
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The mission of the Federal Bureau of Prisons is to maintain secure, safe, and humane correctional institutions for persons placed in federal custody; to develop and operate correctional programs that seek a balanced application of the concepts of punishment, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation; and to provide, primarily through the National Institute of Corrections, assistance to state and local agencies. In correctional programs in all its facilities, the bureau encourages the use of community volunteers as vital to the welfare of both inmates and staff. The bureau realizes the need to provide a wide range of self-improvement opportunities in order to reduce inmate idleness and offer important security benefits.

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

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The U.S. Information Agency is an independent foreign affairs agency within the executive branch of the U.S. government. The agency promotes mutual understanding between peoples of the United States and of other nations by conducting and supporting educational and cultural activities--for example, libraries, book translations, and English teaching--designed to better acquaint foreign audiences with American literature, history, political processes, traditions, and values.

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (NCLIS)

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Washington, DC 20005-3522
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The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the federal government charged with advising both Congress and the President on the policies and plans of national and international library and information services. For the commission's mandate to remain relevant, a high rate of public literacy is essential.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

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The U.S. Postal Service, with 753,000 employees in some 40,000 post offices across the country, handles 580 million pieces of mail each work day, or 181 billion pieces per year, making it the largest and most productive postal service in the world. Literacy is a requirement, equally for the general public and for Postal Service employees, if this constantly expanding system is to continue to function effectively. Since 1990 the Postal Service has been promoting adult literacy as well as the Wee Deliver Program, which is used to enhance literacy skills in about 24,000 elementary schools through the creation of an in-school postal service.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES TASKFORCE (WHCLIST)

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WHCLIST is a library advocacy group that monitors and promotes enactment into law of recommendations from the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Sciences on the role of libraries in promoting literacy, productivity, and democracy.

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